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[EPA wants specific water treatment plans for Flint's future switch to KWA](#)

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 11/18/16 12:13 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency is giving the city of Flint and the state of Michigan until early next year to get its plans in place for switching to the KWA water pipeline. Eventually, the city of Flint's tap water will come from the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline. But the EPA says there are a few things that have to happen first. Mistakes made the last time Flint tried treating its own drinking damaged pipes with leached lead into the tap water.

EPA orders 3-month test for new Flint water

By Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 11/18/16 11:35 AM

Flint will have to treat and test drinking water from a new Lake Huron pipeline for at least three months before providing it to residents under a revised emergency order from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The federal agency on Friday ordered the city to submit a “new water source treatment plan” to state and federal regulators within the next three weeks outlining steps it will take to complete its pending connection to the Karegnondi Water Authority.

EPA amends Flint water order, requires 3-month water plant trial run

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/18/16 10:15 AM

The city's treatment plant will be required to test-run raw Lake Huron water for three months before it can deliver a single drop to city residents and businesses, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said in revised order issued Friday, Nov. 18. Although EPA officials have said previously that the city would be required to demonstrate its ability to produce safe, clean water, the agency has amended an emergency administrative order, pinning down the test-run period to three months.

EPA orders Flint, Michigan to outline fixes before water switch

By AP for WJTV CBS 12 11/18/16 10:01 AM

Federal officials have outlined new steps Flint must take before switching its drinking water source again in the wake of its lead-contamination crisis. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday updated an order issued in January. It calls for Flint to build a three-mile interconnection so it can test water from a new authority for three months while continuing to provide water from Detroit's system.

EPA: Flint must test new water source for 3 months

By Matthew Dolan & Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 11/18/16 10:00 AM

The city of Flint will need to prove during a three-month testing process that its new water source is safe for residents to drink, according to an amended order released today from the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA says Flint mayoral aide expressed concern about chemicals in city water

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/18/16 7:11 AM

A top aide to Mayor Karen Weaver expressed concerns to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency about chemicals being added to city water, the agency said in a letter Wednesday, Nov. 16. Acting EPA Regional Administrator Robert Kaplan told Weaver a letter that City Administrator Sylvester Jones expressed "concerns about chemicals being added to the Flint water for the purpose of disinfection and corrosion control."

EPA orders 3-month testing at Flint water plant

By RT 11/18/16

Under a revised order, federal regulators are insisting that Flint's treatment plant test-run raw Lake Huron water for three months before it's delivered to residents. Failure to test water was blamed for a lead-contamination crisis. The revised order issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Friday changes its previous decision, which only insisted that the city demonstrate it could deliver safe, clean water. "It led to a whole series of problems [when there was no trial run previously]," Robert Kaplan, acting regional administrator for the EPA, told MLive. "[The city] didn't have a handle on how to run the plant to provide safe water before they threw the switch."

Children's Health & Welfare

Inside Michigan's push to eliminate child lead poisoning

By Emily Linnert, WOOD TV NBC 8 11/18/16 6:46 PM

Since the lead crisis in Flint, lead poisoning continues to be a top concern of parents across the state. Paul Haan from the Healthy Homes Coalition says the latest moves in Lansing lay down a road map for preventing future lead poisoning in Michigan, but there's still a lot of hard work to come. The amendment to Michigan's Children's Health Insurance Program introduces \$24 million in federal funds to address lead health issues.

Mona Hanna-Attisha: Resolve exposed Flint water crisis

By Detroit News 11/18/16 12:45 PM [video clip]

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha was primed from the start for her heroic role in uncovering problems in Flint's city water system that resulted in the lead poisoning of roughly 10,000 children. The daughter of Iraqi-American scientists who fled Saddam Hussein's dictatorship said her training and instincts compelled her to investigate and hold bureaucrats' feet to the fire when they denied the results of her research that proved children were being poisoned.

Michigan May Require Lead Screening of All Young Children

By David Eggert, AP for ABC News 11/17/16 10:26 PM

Michigan, where a man-made water crisis is roiling one of its biggest cities, will consider requiring all infants and toddlers to be tested for lead poisoning as part of an initiative to eradicate children's exposure to the neurotoxin statewide. The recommendation is among many unveiled Thursday by a state board that Gov. Rick Snyder tasked with proposing a strategy to protect children from all sources of lead poisoning. The emergency in Flint stems from old lead pipes contaminating the water after the city was switched in 2014 from Detroit's water system to improperly treated Flint River water while under state financial management. But lead poisoning is more frequently linked to paint and dust in older housing and soil. The toxin was banned from paint in 1978.

Michigan is urging infants take lead screenings after Flint water crisis

By Timothy McLaughlin, Reuters 11/17/16

Infants and toddlers in Michigan should undergo mandatory lead screening, a panel of experts said on Thursday, as the Midwest state continues to grapple with the ongoing effects of a lead crisis linked to contaminated water in the city of Flint. The Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board, created in May by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, said that required screening for exposure to the toxic metal would help fill gaps in treatment and prevention that occur under the current targeted blood screening recommendations.

Flint water crisis: Protecting our kids

By Sharisse Thompson, FOX 66 News 11/07/16

A Flint mother shares her story about how she went into labor three months early and almost lost her son due to complications who is now 10-months old. She believes she went into premature

labor because she was drinking Flint water although doctors do not have a definite link between the water and her son Taylor's early arrival. I talked to her and Dr. Mona on how local doctors are pushing for long-term access to health care and nutrition to help Flint's kids.

Free preschool book program comes to Flint through grant

By AP for Olean Times Herald 11/05/16

A grant worth more than \$500,000 is providing free books for Flint children through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program, officially launched Saturday, enables preschool children living in the city to receive a book a month for the first five years of their lives. The nonprofit founded by Parton mails new, age-appropriate books.

Water resource sites in Flint to close for Thanksgiving holiday

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/18/16 4:02 PM

Community Water Resource Sites will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. The sites located in Flint's nine wards will close at 6 p.m. on Nov. 23 and resume normal hours at noon on Friday, Nov. 25. The sites distribute bottled water, filters, replacement cartridges and at-home water testing kits. Officials are encouraging people to stock up on water and other resources before the sites close.

Michigan Thinks Delivering Water To Flint Residents Is Too Much To Ask For

By Shanice Davis, VIBE 11/18/16 11:50 AM

U.S. District Judge David Lawson ordered Michigan to deliver cases of bottled water to Flint residents in need on a weekly basis last week, but the state has since filed a motion to stay the order in the midst of the city's ongoing crisis. The motion, filed on Thursday (Nov. 17), cites that the order requires minimum monthly costs of \$10.5 million to deliver roughly 400,000 cases of water each week, which could interfere with Flint relief money dedicated to other efforts like nutritional assistance programs for kids.

Michigan Officials Claim Flint Water Bottle Delivery Would Require A 'Herculean Effort'

By Charise Frazier, NEWS ONE 11/18/16 11:00 AM

A staggering court motion filed on Thursday by Michigan governor Rick Snyder's administration seeks to block a federal court order that requires state officials to deliver water bottles to Flint residents without a verified filter, according to The Detroit News. "The herculean effort required by the court order would be on the magnitude of a large-scale military operation," Anna Heaton, Gov. Rick Snyder's spokesperson, wrote in a statement obtained by The Detroit News. "The resources to accomplish this would only be available through the activation of the National Guard or the hiring of several logistics companies."

Michigan Fights To Avoid Delivering Water To Flint Residents

By Kate Abbey-Lambertz, Huffington Post 11/17/16 8:25 PM

Michigan is fighting a judge's order to deliver water to Flint residents who do not have safe drinking water, claiming it would be overly expensive for taxpayers and require a "herculean effort." Last week, U.S. District Judge David Lawson ordered the state to deliver four cases of bottled water weekly to each resident who needs it in the wake of the ongoing crisis that has left the city with lead-contaminated water since 2014. Attorneys for the state filed a motion Thursday to stay the order while they appeal the decision in a lawsuit brought by several advocacy groups.

Michigan fights court order to deliver bottled water to Flint residents

By Brady Dennis, Washington Post 11/17/16 6:58 PM

The state of Michigan on Thursday challenged a federal court order demanding that officials deliver bottled water to Flint residents who can't easily pick up their own from distribution sites around the city, calling the requirement "unnecessary" and saying it would require "a tremendous expenditure of taxpayer funds." The legal filing requests a stay to the order issued last week by U.S. District Judge David M. Lawson, who ruled that state and city officials must immediately begin delivering four cases of bottled water each week to qualified households, particularly those that don't have a properly installed or maintained water filter. The state said it plans to appeal the order to the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. The city of Flint was not a party to Thursday's motion.

State of Mich.: Delivering Water to Flint Residents Is an 'Unnecessary' Burden

By Monique Judge, The Root 11/17/16

The state of Michigan filed a motion Thursday seeking to be relieved of the "unnecessary" and

“insurmountable burden” of delivering cases of bottled water to Flint, Mich., residents affected by the lead-contaminated water crisis. In their motion, officials for Gov. Rick Snyder likened the requirements of a court order issued last week to a large-scale military operation, and said that it would cost the state at least \$10.45 million a month or \$125 million a year, the Detroit News reports.

Michigan battles order to deliver bottled water to Flint residents

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 11/17/16 5:39 PM

The administration of Gov. Rick Snyder moved today to block a federal court order forcing state officials to deliver bottled water to Flint residents who don't have properly installed and maintained water filters on their kitchen taps. The state's legal filing seeks to stay a preliminary injunction issued last week pending an appeal in the case. U.S. District Judge David Lawson last Thursday ruled that the state and City of Flint must, effective immediately, deliver four cases of bottled water per resident per week to qualified Flint households.

State Fights Door-to-Door Water Delivery in Flint, Michigan

By Beth Dalbey, Detroit Patch 11/17/16 3:59 PM

Michigan state officials are trying to block a federal court order for door-to-door delivery of bottled water in Flint, where residents have been drinking lead-tainted water since 2014. In a motion for a stay of U.S. District Judge David M. Lawson's ruling last week, the state said the order places an “immediate, insurmountable burden” on the state and argued Lawson's ruling isn't likely to hold up on an appeal to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Flint is making repairs to its water delivery system, but the changes aren't happening quickly enough, Lawson ruled last week.

Judge orders water bottles delivered to Flint, Mich., homes

By Amy Connolly, UPI 11/12/16 3:22 PM

A federal judge ordered Flint, Mich., leaders to provide home delivery of bottled water to households that have not been properly fitted with water filters to protect against further lead contamination. U.S. District Judge David Lawson said city and state governments must provide at least four cases of water per person every week as a way to help those who cannot pick up supplies from distribution sites located throughout the city. Lawson said residents must be given the home-delivery option unless the government can prove the home has a well-installed and maintained water filter or if the household declines the water.

Bottled water must be delivered to Flint residents in lead crisis, judge rules

By Ryan Felton, The Guardian 11/12/16 8:50 AM

Residents of Flint, Michigan, who are facing the risk of lead contamination in their water are entitled to water bottle delivery to their home, a federal judge ruled this week. David Lawson, a US district judge, said in a preliminary injunction that officials must deliver each week four cases of bottled water per resident to Flint households that don't have properly installed taps.

Flint water crisis: Deliver bottles to homes, judge rules

By Jason Hanna, CNN 11/11/16 3:31 PM

A federal judge has ordered that Michigan and Flint officials must deliver bottled water to any Flint home where the government hasn't verified that a filter is properly working -- the latest ruling in a longstanding crisis over lead-tainted water in the city. Thursday's ruling is a victory for plaintiffs who wanted government to do more than make bottled water and tap-water filters available at distribution points.

Judge orders bottled water delivered in Flint, Mich., in water crisis

By David Bailey, Reuters 11/11/16 9:14 AM

A federal judge on Thursday ordered state and city officials to deliver bottled water directly to qualified residents in Flint, Michigan, where a water contamination crisis has made unfiltered tap water unsafe to drink since April 2014. Officials must deliver four cases of bottled water a week immediately unless they can prove a water filter is installed and properly maintained at a home or if residents opt out of a filter or deliveries, U.S. District Judge David Lawson said.

Federal judge orders Flint and Michigan to deliver water to some residents

By WLNS News 6 11/11/16 8:36 AM

Work is underway to replace contaminated service lines to homes affected by elevated levels of lead. While the city has switched back to using a Detroit water source, it will take time to remove the lead from the system, meaning that many people are still left relying on bottled water. In response, a Federal judge has decreed that the city and state must deliver water to

people who have difficulty getting it.

Federal Judge Orders Flint, Michigan To Deliver Bottled Water To Lead-Tainted Homes

By Chris Clor, 9 & 10 News 11/11/16 12:46 AM

A federal judge has ordered Michigan and the city of Flint to deliver bottled water to lead-tainted homes if people request it. Flint has free water distribution sites but the judge says some people don't have cars and can't get to them. People in Flint are urged to use bottled water while the city's water system heals from lead contamination.

Upton: Flint aid seems headed for budget bill

By Melissa Nann Burke, Detroit News 11/17/16 5:16 PM

Federal aid for cities such as Flint with contaminated drinking water might now get tucked into a year-end government spending bill, lawmakers said this week. Republican leaders in the U.S. House are looking at including the Flint-related package either in a short-term budget resolution that would fund the government through February or in omnibus spending legislation in December, Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, said Thursday.

Michigan gets federal OK to spend \$119M on lead abatement

By David Eggert-AP for WSBT CBS 22 11/15/16

Michigan won federal approval Monday to spend roughly \$119 million over five years to remove lead hazards from the homes of low-income residents in Flint and other communities — the second time the state has received a waiver to spend such additional money to respond to the city's tainted water crisis. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services authorized an amendment to Michigan's Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP. The state will spend \$333,000 this fiscal year to obtain a nearly \$23.5 million federal match. The lead official directing the federal government's response in Flint, Dr. Nicole Lurie of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said the move is "unprecedented." "Removing lead in homes, including from pipes in homes, can greatly decrease the risk of future lead exposure and improve children's health," she said.

Stabenow, Peters, Kildee applaud decision to fund lead removal in Michigan communities

By Wil Hunter, UP Matters 11/15/16 11:09 AM

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), and Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) released a statement applauding the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's approval of funding for lead detection and removal in Flint and communities across the State of Michigan. The State of Michigan will now be able to use approximately \$24 million this year and up to that same amount over the next four years to pay for lead abatement services such as testing, paint removal and soil removal in eligible homes. "Today's decision is critical to the health and safety of children and families in Flint and across Michigan," said Senator Stabenow. "This announcement is an important reminder that the crisis in Flint is far from over."

Flint leaders would like more say in state spending on Flint water crisis

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 11/04/16

Flint officials want more of a say in the state's investment priorities in their city. It's been nearly a year since a state of emergency was declared in Flint because of lead contaminated drinking water. State officials point to millions of dollars spent during the past year to help Flint recover from its water crisis, including economic development projects. But Flint leaders question the state's spending priorities.

Congress begins lame duck session, with Flint water crisis funding on the agenda

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 11/13/16

Michigan's senior U.S. Senator says there are some things that Congress has to address when it returns to work this week. Sen. Debbie Stabenow says her top priority during Congress' lame duck session will be lining up federal money for Flint.

City cannot let Flint water crisis story die, mayor says

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/17/16 3:20 PM

It has been a year since Mayor Karen Weaver declared a State of Emergency for the city of Flint. Since then, some homes have had infrastructure replaced, there have been a number of agencies providing food to help mitigate the effects of lead in children and countless donations of bottled

water for Flint residents. But Weaver says until people can drink water from their taps without filters, the city will be under an emergency.

Flint mayor extends city's state of emergency

By Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 11/16/16 8:29 AM

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver has extended an emergency declaration she first signed 11 months ago, calling for continued spotlight on a public health crisis caused by contamination of the city's drinking water supply. The municipal state of emergency was set to expire on Monday but will now last "until further notice," according to the signed renewal. "The fact of the matter is we still cannot drink our water without a filter," Weaver said Tuesday in a statement. "That is why I have signed a declaration to renew the state of emergency in the City of Flint until the lingering issues have been resolved and the water is deemed safe to drink."

Flint mayor urges State of Emergency extensions from county, state, federal officials

By John Steckroth, Click on Detroit 11/15/16 7:36 PM

Mayor Karen Weaver signed a new emergency declaration Tuesday to extend the State of Emergency in Flint due to the ongoing effects of the water crisis and asked county, state and federal officials to do the same. Weaver stood with Flint City officials and Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell at Flint City Hall, thanking the Flint City Council for voting Monday evening in favor of the measure.

Flint, still dealing with water crisis, seeks state of emergency renewal

By WKBW ABC 7 Buffalo 11/14/16 8:10 PM

Key legislation aimed at helping the residents of Flint, Michigan get clean water is in limbo. That's according to State Rep. Sheldon Neeley, who said he is hoping Michigan Governor Rick Snyder will attempt to push things through. A bill seeks \$170 million for infrastructure and general help for Flint. City council members are expected to approve an extension on its state of emergency declaration that was made Dec. 14, 2015. A state of emergency allows the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist.

Council supports mayor's renewal of Flint water crisis emergency declaration

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/14/16 9:55 PM

Flint City Council voted unanimously on Nov. 14 in favor of renewing the state of emergency for the city. Mayor Karen Weaver, who came to a committee meeting Nov. 14 to gain support for the emergency declaration, has already signed off on the renewal, which is to be extended until further notice. The mayor is holding a press conference in the lobby of the City Hall at 10:30 a.m. of the renewal.

Snyder continues wrong path on Flint

By Nancy Kaffer, Detroit Free Press 11/17/16 11:31 PM

Are you kidding? More than a year after the State of Michigan acknowledged that the water in Flint wasn't safe to drink — still isn't, in fact — Gov. Rick Snyder continues dodging responsibility. Last week, a federal court ordered the Snyder administration to ensure that every Flint resident had access to bottled drinking water, even if that means delivering it to each resident's home.

Kildee bill would drop allowable lead levels in all public water systems

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/16/16 9:53 AM

The allowable level of lead in water would eventually drop by two-thirds, and every day care facility and school in the country would be tested annually under legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee. The Flint Township Democrat introduced a bill Monday, Nov. 14, that would also require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to update its Lead and Copper Rule within nine months of the law's passage and prohibit testing methods like pre-flushing, which can mask elevated lead levels in public drinking water systems.

Flint resident files recall petition language to remove Mayor Karen Weaver

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/16/16 8:02 AM

A recall petition has been filed to remove Mayor Karen Weaver from office. Flint resident Alex Harris filed the petition language with the Genesee County Clerk's office on Nov. 15 saying Weaver failed to pay her water bills and pushed the hiring of a trash company that is under federal investigation to haul Flint's trash.

Flint city leaders say water crisis is far from over

By Bryce Huffman, Michigan Radio 11/15/16

Flint's water crisis became national news last year, but city officials want you to know it's still not fixed yet. This week, Congressman Dan Kildee introduced new legislation to improve lead standards in drinking water, and the Flint city council approved Mayor Karen Weaver's renewal of emergency status for Flint. Weaver says city residents still don't have safe tap water.

Money paid to Flint councilman may have violated state order, colleague says

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/15/16 7:41 AM

A Flint City Council member says a damage claim paid to a fellow councilman after he was removed by police from a meeting may have violated an emergency manager's order still in place. Councilman Scott Kincaid says he is filing a formal complaint with the Michigan Department of Treasury this week claiming City Attorney Stacy Erwin Oakes may be in violation of the order when she signed off on paying out a \$4,500 settlement to Councilman Eric Mays.

Flint's water crisis must be near the top of Trump agenda

By Stephen Cooper, The Hill 11/14/16 9:11 AM

The interminable failure of government to marshal all available resources, brainpower, imagination, and resolution of spirit, to finally solve Flint, Michigan's contaminated water problem, stands, in relief, as a giant scarlet letter branded on the breast of America; just supplant the shame-evoking, blood-curdling, familiar image of the red "A" for "adulteress" with an even uglier, ignoble, black "R," for racist. And, perhaps, to emphasize this continuing environmental nightmare's classist features, add an accompanying money-green polo-shirt-emblem-sized "c."

With Trump as president, will feds backpedal on Flint water crisis?

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/14/16 7:06 AM

A year ago, just as Flint's water problems were boiling over into a national crisis, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump was asked if he would cut agencies in the federal government if elected. "I'm not cutting services. But I'm cutting spending ...," Trump told Fox

News Sunday host Chris Wallace, specifically mentioning the Department of Education and the Environmental Protection Agency as targets. "Environmental protection, what they do is a disgrace," Trump told Wallace. "Every week they come out with new regulations..."

Moore to Obama: Start digging up lead pipes in Flint before leaving office

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/10/16 12:40 PM

Filmmaker Michael Moore's to-do list for Thursday, Nov. 10, includes something he says the federal government should have done a year ago: Convincing President Obama to immediately send the Army Corps of Engineers to Flint to start digging up and replace all lead pipes in the city. "NOTHING HAS CHANGED; the water in Flint is still unusable," Moore says in a Facebook post, his second such to-do list since Donald Trump was elected president Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Flint feels distress, hope about Trump's election

By Jim Lynch, Detroit News 11/09/16 5:59 PM

The election of Republican Donald Trump as president is stirring distress as well as a cautious hope for dealing with Flint's lead-contamination crisis. The New York businessman visited Flint in mid-September, touring the city's inactive water treatment plant and vowing to fix the water problem "quickly and effectively." Trump mentioned the city frequently in stump speeches, calling it in the past week a "troubled place" and blaming the contamination on unnamed "incompetent politicians." But the Democratic-controlled, majority African-American city had looked forward to the election of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, who championed Flint's cause. She, former President Bill Clinton and daughter Chelsea visited Flint and the former secretary of state regularly mentioned Flint's plight while getting updates from Mayor Karen Weaver.

Dems say they will hold Trump to promises on Flint water crisis, infrastructure

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/09/16 9:08 PM

State and federal leaders say they will hold President-elect Donald Trump to promises he made to help fix the nation's infrastructure, including Flint's lead-tainted pipes. "As President-elect Trump saw when he visited Flint in September, the people of Flint still do not have access to safe drinking water," said U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Flint. Twp. "My hometown cannot wait any longer for their Congress to step up and help them. I will work with Republicans and Democrats, including President-elect Trump, to make sure the people of Flint get the resources they need to

recover. "

Flint's mayor says 'the people have spoken' after Donald Trump's election

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/09/16 2:00 PM

Mayor Karen Weaver says the people have spoken. Weaver, who publicly announced her support for Hillary Clinton for president and spent election night at her party in New York City, issued an Oct. 9 statement after Donald Trump was able to edge the former Secretary of State to become the nation's next president. "The people have spoken and that is what democracy is all about," Weaver said. "This presidential election really shows that our voice matters and every vote counts, as Michigan became a deciding factor in the outcome."

Democratic Rep. Dan Kildee to serve third term in U.S. House

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/09/16 8:09 AM

The Associated Press has declared Dan Kildee victorious in his efforts to defend his Fifth District congressional seat. Kildee, D-Flint Twp., led Republican challenger Al Hardwick 61 to 35 percent with nearly 68 percent of precincts counted. "I feel pretty good about where I am right now," Kildee said before he stepped into Blackstones Grill in downtown Flint around 10:30 p.m. to talk to supporters and other political hopefuls. "We wait for all the votes to be counted and come in to make any real declaration or at least more of them."

Federal appeals court remands Flint water lawsuit to state court

By Akira Tomlinson, Jurist 11/17/16 12:33 PM

The US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit [official website] on Wednesday affirmed a lower court ruling that a class action lawsuit regarding the Flint, Michigan, water crisis should be decided in state court. The lawsuit was filed against Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnam, an engineering company that worked on the Flint water treatment plant to fill the three-year period it would take Flint to switch its primary drinking water provider to Karegnondi Water Authority [corporate websites] after April 2014.

Flint Water Crisis Class-Action Lawsuit Will Go To Local Court

By Chris Clor, 9 & 10 News 11/17/16 1:16 AM

A class-action lawsuit over the Flint Water Crisis will go to local court, not federal. A federal appeals court made the decision Wednesday. Engineering company, Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, is being sued over its work at the Flint Water Treatment Plant.

State Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments on Flint water crisis orders

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/15/16 1:10 PM

The Michigan Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments before deciding whether to uphold orders that are blocking a state agency from health information tied to the Flint water crisis and a Legionnaires' disease outbreak. The court has scheduled arguments in the case pitting two state agencies -- the Attorney General's Office and Department of Health and Human Services -- against each other for Dec. 14.

Death in judge's family delays hearing for Flint water crisis defendants

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/17/16 12:02 PM

A hearing for defendants charged with criminal wrongdoing in relation to the Flint water crisis has been postponed because of a death in the family of Genesee District Court Jennifer Manley. A court employee said Thursday, Nov. 17, that the hearing had been delayed but not yet rescheduled. Special prosecutors and attorneys representing state government employees accused of crimes related to the water crisis had expected to discuss a Michigan State Police report issued earlier this year that includes interviews with four of the defendants, their supervisors and colleagues.

Flint water crisis defendants head back to court, MSP report on docket

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/17/16 7:04 AM

Special prosecutors and attorneys representing state government employees accused of criminal wrongdoing in the Flint water crisis are expected in court Thursday, Nov. 17, as a judge considers what to do with a Michigan State Police report that includes interviews with four of the defendants, their supervisors and colleagues. The hearing in Flint District Court before Judge Jennifer Manley is scheduled for 1 p.m., and attorneys involved in the case are expecting the investigative report to be discussed.

Judge banks on bellwether trials to expedite hundreds of Flint water lawsuits

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/16/16 2:43 PM

A small number of civil lawsuits related to the Flint water crisis will serve as bellwethers, cases that will be fully developed and tried to verdict with the idea that they will help attorneys in other cases evaluate whether to settle or take their cases to trial. A case management order issued Tuesday, Nov. 15, by Genesee Circuit Court Chief Judge Richard Yuille spells out how courts here will manage nearly 500 civil lawsuits on behalf of individuals who claim personal injury, property damage or economic loss as a result of their exposure to Flint water.

State still mum on Flint's request for millions in water crisis legal fees

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 11/10/16 10:08 AM

The state of Michigan is taking its time before telling the city whether it's willing to foot the bill for millions in expected settlements and attorney fees tied to the Flint water crisis and emergency managers who worked here. Seven weeks after City Attorney Stacy Erwin Oakes detailed the city's request for litigation-related expenses, including settlement authority of more than \$30 million for various lawsuits, there was been no response from state Treasurer Nick Khouri.

Other News and Opinions

Third arrest made in probe of trash hauler that wanted Flint contract

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/17/16 6:42 PM

Another Macomb County official has been charged in a federal investigation of the trash company that wanted to contract with Flint to haul the city's garbage, according to a Nov. 17 Detroit Free Press article. Chesterfield Township Supervisor Michael Lovelock, was arrested Thursday morning for allegedly taking an estimated \$30,000 in cash bribes. According to the Free Press article, Lovelock is suspected of sending text messages using code language referring to bribes to an unnamed businessman.

Standing Rock, Flint and the color of water

By Christopher F. Petrella and Ameer Loggins, San Francisco Bay View, 11/17/16

While much attention has rightly been paid to those who are courageously protecting water

resources and sacred land on North Dakota's Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, few mainstream commentators have situated Standing Rock as part of a larger political struggle for self-determination and survival. Linking the politics surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline project to Flint, Michigan's lead-poisoning crisis is critical for understanding how race and class informs presumed social risk, vulnerability to premature death and access to democratic decision-making.

Flint residents could soon face shutoffs for unpaid water bills

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/17/16 9:29 AM

The deadline to meet state demands in collecting outstanding water bill debt has been extended for Flint, but residential customers could still soon face shutoffs. Mayor Karen Weaver received a letter from State Treasurer Nick Khouri extending the city's deadline through December to have a 70 percent collection rate on water bills in Flint, according to Flint spokeswoman Kristin Moore. However, city officials said residential customers may begin seeing notices starting next week with their utility bills asking them to pay their current balances and at least 10 percent of their past due balances.

Without These Whistleblowers, We May Never Have Known the Full Extent of the Flint Water Crisis

By John McQuaid, Smithsonian Magazine December Issue

LeeAnne Walters and Marc Edwards perch next to each other on bar stools in a cluttered recording studio on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg. "We proved that citizens and scientists working together could form a great alliance, and that grass-roots science can have a sky-high impact," Walters says to the camera. Walters, 38, is reading from a script and, compared with her usual blunt and no-nonsense delivery, sounds tentative. The video they're recording is for a not-yet-named organization they're trying to start, to bring ordinary folks and scientists together to fight for cleaner water and better public health standards.

UM-Flint Social Work Town Hall Addresses Flint Water Crisis

By Christy Capelin, UM-Flint 11/14/16 11:15 AM

Social work students from the University of Michigan-Flint and Touro College in New York convened Friday during a second virtual town hall meeting to discuss the Flint water crisis and solutions through a social work lens. By the end of the discussion, participants from Touro College pledged to organize a bottled water boycott in order to encourage people from cities and schools located outside of Flint to join them and help put the spotlight back on the people of

Flint who continue to struggle from the water crisis. Their goal is to see that the infrastructure in Flint is fixed as soon as possible and to make it a higher priority for those able to do something about it.

Flint issues water shut-off notices for unpaid commercial bills

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/11/16 1:59 PM

Flint police are out today posting shut-off notices on commercial properties with outstanding water bills, including for some apartment complexes. City officials have been working nearly two months to collect money from outstanding commercial water bill accounts to meet state demands the city have a 70 percent water bill collection rate. If the city is below that 70 percent rate, Flint could lose funds under the water relief act signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in February that gives commercial customers a 20 percent credit on their bills and 65 percent to residential customers.

Bill Piermattei discusses Environmental Law in the News [event held on 11/10/16]

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Bill Piermattei, managing director of the environmental law program at the University of Maryland's Francis Key Carey School of Law will be discussing the application of environmental law regarding three timely issues at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Co-sponsored by the Minority Students in the Social Sciences Association and the Environmental Studies Program, Piermattei will address the application of environmental law in regards to the Flint water crisis, the Obama administration's clean water plan, and the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load. The event will take place in room 321 of the College's library.

Flint mayor wants 1,000 homes to have new pipes by year's end

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/10/16 10:36 PM

Mayor Karen Weaver says she wants at least 1,000 Flint homes to have new pipes by the end of the year. "I'm urging residents in the areas targeted for new pipes to sign consent cards so the work can proceed as quickly as possible," said Weaver. "We need to replace pipes to 788 more homes this fall, and it's critical that we work as quickly as possible while the good weather lasts."

City pays councilman \$4,500 after he was taken out of meeting in handcuffs

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 11/09/16 2:14 PM

The city paid a Flint councilman \$4,500 after he claimed he was unlawfully arrested when police escorted him from a contentious meeting over the garbage contract. Councilman Eric Mays was given the money after he filed a damage claim because he was handcuffed and taken from an August city council meeting. Mays was led from the council meeting, taken down to the first floor in an elevator and released.

Will we see action on Flint water crisis reports?

By Grand Haven Tribune 11/09/16 12:00 AM

A bipartisan joint select committee on Flint has issued its report, and it's up to Gov. Rick Snyder and the Legislature that impaneled the committee to act. Not a blame-casting document, this report offers a slew of suggestions aimed at ensuring that another man-made crisis like the poisoning of Flint's water supply can't happen again.

EDITORIAL: Nestle is treading on troubled waters

By Daily Targum 11/07/16 10:44 PM

Most people know, and by now have pushed to the back of their minds, the fact that a new pipeline for Flint was designed in 2012. This pipeline was instated in order to cut costs for the city by switching to a cheaper water supplier. This backfired as years went on and the government and people of Flint realized that the switch had caused the presence of bacteria and high levels of lead. It is 2016, and Flint still does not have water that is safe to drink. In fact, the situation in Flint is so bad that some are afraid to bathe, as the water is causing citizens to break out in rashes and itching fits. Despite the horrible condition of Flint's water crisis, Nestle is planning to increase its pumping of groundwater for sales, and the state government of Michigan has issued a draft approval. This plant is 120 miles away from Flint, where people are resorting to using baby wipes to cleanse their bodies.

Flint water crisis prompts lead testing in Massachusetts schools

By Jennette Barnes, South Coast Today 11/07/16 8:57 PM

More than 99 Massachusetts school buildings across at least 22 communities have tested positive for elevated lead levels since June, when the state launched a new grant program to help schools

test their water. On SouthCoast, schools enrolled in the voluntary program include those in Acushnet, Fall River, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport. Not all participating schools have been tested yet, and results are not yet available for any SouthCoast schools.